

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 4121-128

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence/post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name:

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter, which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

FLOW-THROUGH DEVICE AND ITS USE FOR BINDING POLYMERS TO MEMBRANE SURFACES

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

( ) was filed \_\_\_\_\_ as US Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ or PCT International Application  
Number \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

## Foreign Application(s) and/or Claim of Foreign Priority

I hereby claim foreign priority benefit under Title 35, United States Code Section 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor(s) certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor(s) certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE FILED	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119
Germany	199 04 784.7	5 February 1999	YES: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/>
PCT	PCT/DE00/00365	4 February 2000	YES: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/>

## Provisional Application

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

## U.S. Priority Claim

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

APPLICATION SERIAL NUMBER	FILING DATE	STATUS (patented/pending/abandoned)

## POWER OF ATTORNEY:

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) listed below to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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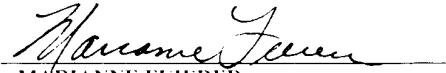
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: <b>Basic National Fee</b> (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO .....\$860.00  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) .....\$0.00 No International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)).....\$0.00  Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO.....\$1000.00  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4).....\$0.00  <div style="text-align: right;"><b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b></div>				09/890745	
Surcharge of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).					
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	13-20 =	0	X \$18.00		
Independent Claims	1- 3	0	X \$80.00		
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$270.00		
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>			860.00		
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<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>			\$ 430.00		
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a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>430.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed.  b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  c. <input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>08-3284</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
<b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not yet been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.127(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b>					
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